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REMARKS

In response to the Office Action mailed on November 18, 2004, Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration. Claims 1-4, 6, 8-17, 19, 21-27, 29 and 31-33 are now pending in this Application. Claims 1, 14, 27, 29 and 31 are independent claims and the remaining claims are dependent claims. In this Amendment, claims 1, 6, 8, 10-14, 19, 21, 23-25, 27, 29 and 31 have been amended. Applicant(s) believe that the claim(s) as presented are in condition for allowance. A notice to this affect is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-30 and 33 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,671,381 to Strasnick et al. (hereinafter Strasnick) in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,227 to Freeman et al. (hereinafter Freeman).

Strasnick, discloses at column 4, lines 11-21, a method and apparatus for displaying a three-dimensional navigable display space containing an aggregation of graphical objects and an overview of the aggregation of display objects. A data file appears as a data block within the information landscape. Freeman discloses at column 2., lines 15-20, a document stream operating system in which documents are stored in chronological streams.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the rendering includes displaying a correlation framework as a multi-dimensional grid having a respective axis corresponding to each of size, age, and time of documents, the correlation framework including indices that provide a visual correlation between at least two of sizes of documents, ages of documents, and times associated with documents displaying a correlation framework displays the correlation framework; and further that displaying the document identifier within the correlation framework at a location that indicates at least two of the size of the document, the age of the document, and a time associated with the document in relation to the axes of the

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correlation framework to provide an indication of document property relationships for the document associated with the document identifier and wherein the document identifiers appear as plotted data points within said multidimensional grid. This arrangement allows the use of view controls within the document selection display, as disclosed on page 13, lines 1-22 wherein the correlation framework can be graphically rotated within the graphical user interface. By viewing the correlation framework from different angles or perspectives, the user can compare and contrast different document properties associated with different documents, thereby allowing the user to gain an understanding of how the ages, sizes, and retrieval times of specific documents relate to each other. Neither Strasnick nor Freeman, taken alone or in combination, provides the same, therefore amended claim 1 is believed allowable over Strasnick in view of Freeman. Claims 14, 27, and 29 have been amended in a similar manner as claim 1 and, for the same reasons, are also believed allowable over Strasnick in view of Freeman. Claims 5, 7, 18, 20, 28 and 30 have been cancelled. Claims 2-4, 6, 8-13, 15-17, 19, and 21-26 depend from claims 1 or 14 and are believed allowable as they depend from a base claim which is believed allowable. Claim 33 depends from amended claim 31 and is believed allowable for the same reasons. Therefore, the rejection of claims 1-30 and 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strasnick in view of Freeman is believed to have been overcome.

The Examiner rejected claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strasnick. Strasnick has been discussed above. Claim 31 has been amended in a similar manner as claim 1, and therefore is believed allowable over Strasnick. Claim 32 depends from claim 31 and is believed allowable as it depends from a base claim which is believed allowable. Therefore, the rejection of claims 31 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strasnick is believed to have been overcome.

The Examiner rejected claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strasnick in view of Freeman. Strasnick has been discussed above. Claim 31 has been amended in a similar manner as claim 1, and therefore is believed allowable over Strasnick in view of Freeman. Claim 33 depends from claim 31 and is believed allowable as it depends from a base claim which is believed allowable. Therefore, the rejection of claim 33 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Strasnick in view of Freeman is believed to have been overcome.

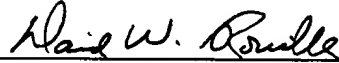
In view of the above, the Examiner's rejections are believed to have been overcome, placing claims 1-4, 6, 8-17, 19, 21-27, 29 and 31-33 in condition for allowance and reconsideration and allowance thereof is respectfully requested.

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